

Success Stories: USDA Assists Medical Clinic With Its Growing Needs

Outline of Need:

Pender Mercy Medical Clinic's 5,200 square feet of workspace, occupied by four health care providers serving a heavy patient workload, was being utilized to the inch. To meet the medical needs of the service area, two additional physicians were recruited. This prompted a decision by the Pender Community Health Care Foundation, Inc. on what to do regarding the insufficient space issue. Expansion of the clinic was essential in order to maintain and improve the health care of the Hospital District.

How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development assisted Pender Community Health Care Foundation, Inc. with a \$600,000 Community Facility Direct Loan to expand and renovate their present facility. Additionally, USDA issued a conditional commitment of guarantee, through the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan program, for a \$600,000 loan originated by the Pender State Bank. The remaining funds for the \$1,355,034 project were provided by the Foundation.

The Results:

The Pender Mercy Medical Clinic in Pender, Nebraska offers medical services to over 17,000 rural residents. Thanks to the 5,235 square foot addition and 5,200 square foot renovation to the clinic; 18 exam rooms, 6 physician offices, a pharmacy and associated ancillary services will be provided to meet the medical needs of the service area. In a region where there is difficulty in obtaining health care, especially for the poor and minorities, the Pender Mercy Medical Clinic is growing to help meet the medical needs of rural Nebraska.

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State Director Jim Barr, 6th from the right, participates in August 29th Groundbreaking.



State Director Jim Barr (3rd from the right) presents USDA symbolic funding check to Pender Community Health Care Foundation, Inc.